

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of WILLIAM S. WATTS and DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, JOINT  
PROGRAM OFFICE FOR BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE, Falls Church, VA

*Docket No. 02-2176; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued January 16, 2003*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition while in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the July 16, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The July 16, 2002 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

Dated, Washington, DC  
January 16, 2003

David S. Gerson  
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> Because appellant failed to establish any compensable employment factors, the Board need not consider the medical evidence of record. *John Polito*, 50 ECAB 347, 350 n. 18 (1999).